



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 1285-99

6 June 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 31 May 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 14 February 1996 at age 22. The record shows that you completed initial training and on 19 June 1996 you reported to your first duty station. On 11 July 1996 you were diagnosed with a paranoid personality disorder. The psychiatrist believed that you were at risk to harm yourself or others if retained in the Navy. Your expeditious administrative separation was strongly recommended.

Based on the foregoing diagnosis, you were processed for an administrative separation. At that time you stated "I do not object to this separation". You were issued a general discharge on 31 July 1996. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder and such a code is normally assigned when it is determined that an individual is at risk to harm himself or others. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board noted that you did not request a review of the general discharge. If you desire such a review, you should complete the enclosed application, DD Form 293, and submit it to the Naval Discharge Review Board.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director

Enclosure